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For: Reinforcement member for a bushing  
tip plate and related method

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant brings the art document(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application.

No representation is made that the art cited constitutes prior art or that the art cited is the most relevant art. The reference(s) cited so that the Examiner will be aware of material known to the applicant. The Examiner is encouraged to consider the cited reference(s) and make an independent determination of materiality.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within the period specified at 37 CFR 1.97(b)--i.e., (1) within three months of the filing date of the national application, (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an

international application, or (3) to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

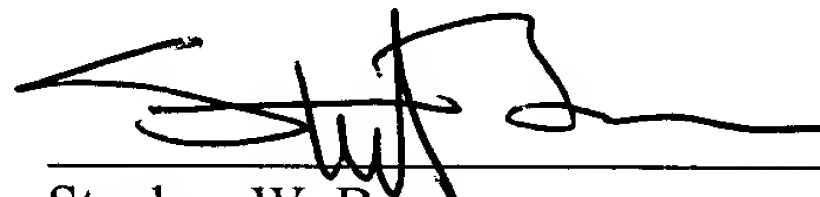
The cited art documents are in the English language, except for WO 98 12147. In lieu of an English-language translation, enclosed is a copy of the PCT search report providing the searcher's findings as to the relevance of the WO 98 12147 document with respect to the counterpart PCT application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm consideration of the cited documents by initialing the attached Form PTO-1449 and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicant.

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